Our vision: A welcoming North Carolina where refugees and immigrants enjoy the resources, freedom, and opportunity to thrive

Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, CWS Durham has experienced a time of creativity, collaboration, and growth over the past year. We launched new initiatives, expanded our team, and nurtured relationships with partners locally and statewide in public health, housing, immigrants’ rights, workforce development, and COVID-19 rebuilding.

Most exciting, under the new Biden Administration, we expect to see an 8-fold increase over the next few years in refugee arrivals across the U.S. We are proud that the U.S. is reestablishing her leadership as a beacon of hope to people fleeing persecution around the world, but we recognize that rebuilding the resettlement infrastructure poses many challenges. As we reimagine together what resettlement can and should look like, we are committed to ensuring that refugees and immigrants in our community not only survive, but flourish.

We are grateful for the volunteers, donors, partners, and advocates who work with us every day to make North Carolina a more welcoming, just, and inclusive community!

**NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS SERVED BY PROGRAM**

- Employment
- Resettlement
- Immigrant Solidarity Fund
- Immigration Legal Services

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5,000
refugee neighbors contacted for COVID-19 vaccine and Get out the Vote activities

132
refugees secured jobs and job upgrades through our employment programming

35%
of resettled clients reunited with loved ones already in North Carolina

31
apartment set ups for newly-arrived refugees by volunteers

$384K
issued through the Immigrant Solidarity Fund to help undocumented immigrant families in the Triangle and across North Carolina impacted by COVID-19, deportation, and/or detention.
**WHAT'S NEW?**

CWS Durham relaunched the **Central American Minor (CAM)** program, providing support once again to minors (often refugees) from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador who are reuniting with immigrant parents in the Triangle. Only refugee resettlement agencies can file CAM family-reunification petitions, which are by federal mandate free to qualifying immigrant families.

CWS Durham was **1 of 8 national grantees of the Community Sponsorship Catalyst Fund** to launch our new CARE Program: leveraging community mentors and financial support to help more established refugees secure meaningful work that pays a living wage.

CWS Durham is contracting with Durham City/County to support access to the federally-funded **Emergency Rental Assistance Program**. Since May, we have assisted 156 individuals with their applications.

CWS Durham successfully lobbied for **workforce legislation HB540** to be presented to the N.C. State Legislature.

We moved! Our main office is now located in the newly-renovated basement of Duke UMC.

**FINANCIALS**

In FY2021, private giving increased by 22%. Much of this growth springs from the community's generous support of the Immigrant Solidarity Fund, providing emergency relief to immigrant families impacted by COVID-19, deportation, and detention.

We continue to work to diversify and expand our funding streams as well as increase operating reserves to create organizational resilience during times of crisis, such as the public policy and pandemic impacts we have faced over the past several years.

**Revenue: $2,020,047**

- Federal Funding - 43%
- Congregations/Organizations - 27%
- Foundations/Corporations - 19%
- Individual Giving - 9%
- Fees for service - 2%

**Expenses: $1,875,997**

- Administrative - 5%
- Fundraising - 4%
- Program - 91%

**THIS YEAR IN RESETTLEMENT**

CWS Durham welcomed and resettled **72 refugees** from 11 countries in FY21. Thirty percent of these newcomers hailed from Colombia.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, each individual and family arrived to a hot meal, a furnished home, and a host of supportive resources. We provided PPE as well as internet setup and digital literacy support to all newcomers to help them adjust to virtual platforms. The actions, gifts, and encouragement from our community made the difference.